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STICK WITH THEIR PROPOSALS

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. VISIT FEB 26-MAR1 OF GERMAN FOREIGN
MINISTER GENSCHER PROVIDED PRESIDENT NYERERE WITH OPPORTUNITY TO
HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 27 WHICH DEALT EXTENSIVELY WITH
RHODESIA.

2. MAIN POINT OF NYERERE'S PRESS CONFERENCE WAS THAT BRITISH AND
US MUST KEEP PRESSURE ON SMITH. NYERERE SAID THERE WERE TWO
SOURCES OF PRESSURE ON SMITH AT THE MOMENT - GUERRILLAS WHO
WERE DOING THE FIGHTING AND THE UK AND US. "WHAT SMITH IS DOING
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IS TO DILUTE THE TWO PRESSURES. HE IS FIGHTING THE GUERRILLA
FIGHTERS AND TRYING TO DIVIDE THEM. HE IS FIGHTING THE PRESSURE
FROM WASHINGTON, AND HE IS BEGINNING TO WIN".

3. NYERERE THOUGHT THAT IF PRESSURE FROM WASHINGTON WAS REMOVED -
"AND NOW IT IS BEGINNING TO SOUND AS IF WASHINGTON IS SAYING
SOMETHING GOOD MAY COME OUT OF SALISBURY" - SMITH WOULD FIND AN

EXCUSE FOR NOT IMPLEMENTING AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT. NYERERE BELIEVED THE SALISBURY TALKS WOULD PRODUCE NOTHING. "SMITH IS A FIGHTER. SMITH IS NO FOOL. AND HE DOES NOT ACCEPT MAJORITY RULE. HE CAN ONLY BE FORCED INTO ACCEPTING MAJORITY RULE."

4. FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL IN FEBRUARY 28 GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY NEWS ADDED TO NYERERE'S MESSAGE BY URGING BRITISH AND AMERICANS TO GET ON WITH THEIR PLAN FOR A RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT. IT CITED HISTORY OF UK-US PROPOSALS. FRONT LINE, EDITORIAL SAID, ACCEPTED UK-US PLAY AS A BASIS FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN BRITISH AND RHODESIAN NATIONALISTS. "BOTH THE AMERICANS AND THE BRITISH

COMMITTED THEMSELVES PUBLICLY NOT TO ACCEPT ANY SETTLEMENT EMERGING FROM A NEW SET OF TALKS WHICH HAD IN THE MEANTIME BEGUN BETWEEN IAN SMITH AND THE SO-CALLED NATIONALISTS BASED INSIDE RHODESIA." MEETING AT MALTA MADE PROGRESS WITH WHICH BOTH SIDES WERE SATISFIED. "WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR A VIGOROUS FOLLOW UP. ON THE CONTRARY WHAT HAVE WE GOT?"

5. EDITORIAL SAID BOTH BRITISH AND AMERICANS SEEMED TO HAVE SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT THEIR OWN PLAN. BOTH APPEARED PREPARED TO TAKE A "WAIT-AND-SEE" STAND, LEAVING THE INITIATIVE TO SMITH. "THEY HAVE ALL BUT ABANDONED THEIR OWN PROPOSALS. THIS IS CLEARLY UNACCEPTABLE TO THE PATRIOTIC FRONT, THE FRONTLINE STATES AND TO LXERICA." AT TRIPOLI OAU FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE, EDITORIAL CONTINUED, ALL AFRICA PLEDGED FULL SUPPORT FOR UK-US PROPOSALS
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AS FORMING THE BASIS ON WHICH AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO THE RHODESIA DISPUTE CAN BE REACHED. "IF THE BRITISH AND THE AMERICANS NEEDED THE SUPPORT FROM AFRICA TO IMPLEMENT THEIR PROPOSALS, THEY HAVE GOT IT. THEY SHOULD NOW PROCEED VIGOROUSLY TO REACH A SETTLEMENT WITH THE NATIONALISTS, BASED ON THOSE PROPOQALS." END UNCLASSIFIED.

6. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. COMMENT: NYERERE'S PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS AND DAILY NEWS EDITORIAL PROBABLY MERIT EQUAL ATTENTION AS EXPOSITION OF CURRENT TANGOV VIEWS. BOTH ARE CONSISTENT WITH NYERERE'S PRIVATE VIEWS REPORTED DAR 8367(NOTAL) AND USUN 672 (NOTAL). TWO POINTS STRIKE US MOST CLEARLY: 1) BRITISH AND AMERICANS HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO A CRITICAL UNDERTAKING AND ARE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW THROUGH, THE MORE SO NOW THAT SMITH IS EXPLOITING THEIR INDECISION, AND 2) AT LEAST IN TANGOV'S VIEW, AFRICA STANDS SOLIDLY BEHIND US-UK PROPOSALS AS BASIS FOR AN ACCEPTABLE RHODESIAN SOLUTION.
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